

**The Balkan Heritage Preservation Foundation**  
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Dear Friends of the Serbian Cultural Garden,

We hope that you all are doing well during this unprecedented and difficult pandemic. As the safety and wellness of our golf participants and dinner and guest attendees is our utmost priority, we have waited until the Governor of Ohio has modified restrictions for gatherings, to announce that **we will be going forward with this year's Annual Serbian Golf Outing, scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2020**, at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course and the dinner at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church in Broadview Heights.

We will be following all Federal, State and Local directives with regard to the COVID-19 virus at the golf course and the dinner, including social distancing. To that end, golfers will be provided their tee times in advance to prevent overcrowding at the outdoor check-in table. Tables at the dinner will be placed six feet apart. It is not mandatory, but you are welcome to wear a face covering or mask if it makes you more comfortable. Registration and check for golf and dinner are due by July 1, 2020.

As you may know, the Serbian Golf Outing is the one and only fundraiser held annually to support the Serbian Cultural Garden. As we approach the summer months, there will be continued maintenance, growth and expansion in the Serbian Garden that can only be accomplished through your generous donations and funding. Today the Garden serves as a lovely, peaceful retreat and a testament to the richness of our Serbian culture and history. We are pleased to announce there are plans in the works for next year to install the bust of a famous Serbian woman in the Garden:

- ❖ **Desanka Maksimović**, a widely known Serbian poet, writer and translator. Maksimović's reputation, which was such that most of her contemporaries referred to her simply by her first name, has led one author to describe her as "the most beloved Serbian poet of the twentieth century". Desanka Maksimović (1898-1993) was born in Rabrovica village near Valjevo. She was a poet, professor of literature and a member of Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts. She published around fifty works including books of poetry, prose and poems for children, narrative, romantic and travel literature.

We need your continued support to underwrite the cost of this worthwhile and important addition to the Garden. Your donations are critical to the continued success of maintaining and preserving the Serbian Garden as a treasure in the Cleveland area and the Serbian community. There is nothing like it in the world!

*Please make checks payable to the Serbian Golf Outing (an affiliate of The Balkan Heritage Preservation Foundation), and mail to the Serbian Golf Outing, P.O. Box 91896, Cleveland, Ohio 44101.*

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Serbian Garden, please contact us at (216) 716-4305 or email us at [amaoffice80@gmail.com](mailto:amaoffice80@gmail.com). Thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding as we look forward to seeing you on July 11<sup>th</sup> for golf or just the dinner.

Sincerely,



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